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## NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

### Young Man Killed by Lightning.

Tecumseh, Neb., Aug. 22.—William Keckler, son of Mrs. Susan Keckler of Smartsville, was killed by lightning at Wathena, Kan.

### Old Soldiers Meet at Franklin.

Franklin, Neb., Aug. 23.—The G. A. R. interstate reunion, which comprises sixteen counties, in Kansas and Nebraska, opened here with a good crowd in attendance. A sham battle given by Company L, Nebraska National guards, was exciting.

### Fire Loss at Omaha \$30,000.

Omaha, Aug. 23.—The plant of the Woodman Linseed Oil works, Seventeenth and Nicholas streets, controlled by the American Linseed company, was damaged \$30,000 by fire. The brick storage plant was gutted, but good work of the firemen saved the elevator adjoining. The origin of the fire is unknown.

### Tornado Near Wellfleet.

Wellfleet, Neb., Aug. 19.—A destructive tornado passed north of this place, destroying barns, crops, stock and stacks of hay. At the farm of Votaw brothers, twenty-six head of horses were crushed to death. Next in the path was McReynold's ranch, where it killed fifty-six cattle and crippled many more. So far as reported, no lives were lost.

### Horses Dying of Fever.

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 19.—Horses in the vicinity of O'Neill, Neb., are rapidly dying off, as the result of a plague of swamp fever, which has been spreading through the county, according to State Veterinarian C. A. McKim, who arrived in Norfolk from O'Neill. Dr. McKim was called to O'Neill to attempt to stamp out the disease, but has as yet been unsuccessful.

### Storm Strikes Lincoln.

Lincoln, Aug. 18.—A day of intense heat, causing two prostrations, one fatal, was followed by a violent storm of wind and rain. The fall of rain was the heaviest seen here this summer, estimated at nearly two inches, in a trifle over an hour. Paved streets in places were filled from curb to curb, wooden crosswalks washed out, and in one place stopping street cars. Advice says the rain was general all over the corn belt. A laborer, who was prostrated by the heat, died in the hospital.

### Insane Boy Defies Capture.

Omaha, Aug. 18.—Because a Jewish peddler refused to give him a watermelon Fred Trecka, aged twelve years, attacked the peddler with an ax and a large knife, and the man was compelled to flee for his life. It developed that the boy had gone insane. Brandishing the ax above his head he chased several companions, yelling that he would kill the first he caught. Unable to control the youngster, the neighbors fled in terror, and when the police arrived they found young Trecka in undisputed possession of the street. He was finally captured and disarmed.

### Bought Groceries of Abraham Lincoln

Grand Island, Aug. 20.—On the outskirts of the village of Doniphan, twelve miles south of this city, there lives a most interesting family. Not only could the family be featured from the standpoint that it contains, perhaps, the oldest male and female twins in the United States, but direct members of it have a most interesting family history. Here reside Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gideon and Marcellus Stump. Mrs. Gideon and Mr. Stump are twins and were born in Ohio eighty-six years ago. Mr. Gideon, husband of the twin girl baby of 1820, formerly lived in Sangamon county, Illinois, near Abraham Lincoln, and remembers having purchased his first groceries of the martyred president.

### New System in Crop Reports.

Lincoln, Aug. 21.—Deputy Labor Commissioner Bush has about completed the establishment of a system of gathering crop statistics which he thinks will make the reports of the bureau of statistics as accurate as it is possible for such statistics to be. He has secured the names of ten responsible men in every county in the state and a majority of them to whom he has written have consented to become correspondents of the bureau and send in estimates of crops. A few have already sent in their estimates and these are surprisingly similar when it is considered the men are in different parts of the various counties. The average of these estimates will be the estimate for the county.

### RUSH FOR LAND IS OVER.

### Many Tracts Entered at the North Platte Office Last Week.

North Platte, Neb., Aug. 21.—The rush for one-section land at the land office here is practically now over, although a few entries are made each day. About 150 sections were filed all together. There is left yet for filing about 100 sections, most of which is located through the south half of McPherson county, but the en-

trymen seemed universally to want to stay close to the railroad as possible, and hence allowed the land farther north in McPherson county to lie vacant, although it is considered to be better land. For a time the land to be entered was filled with homeseekers, who scoured the country for miles making their choices, and then returned to file. The land is best suited for grazing purposes, and this was the object in mind with most of the settlers.

### FRANCIS HEADS CONGRESS.

### St. Louis Man Elected President of Transmississippi Association.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 19.—The Transmississippi congress elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, David R. Francis of St. Louis; first vice president, Colonel H. D. Loveland of San Francisco; second vice president, ex-Governor L. B. Prince of New Mexico; third vice president, M. B. Larymore of North Dakota; fourth vice president, B. A. Fellows of Kansas; secretary, Arthur B. Francis of Colorado; treasurer, H. B. Topping of Missouri.

The resolution on the subject of Chinese exclusion as it will go to congress, petitions the president to make necessary investigations into the cause of the present boycott, and to then recommend to the federal congress such recommendations for a comprehensive immigration law, framed to remove all unreasonable restrictions, but to exclude all undesirable persons of every nation.

One other important resolution was adopted in committee endorsing the establishment of a department of mines and mining.

Among the resolutions introduced in the congress were one favoring the issuance by congress of \$100,000,000 in bonds to form a permanent fund for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and one recommending separate statehood for Oklahoma. The next congress will meet in Kansas City.

### DEMAND DUAL TARIFF.

### Reciprocity Men Favor Minimum and Maximum Schedules.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—The reciprocity conference called to devise means of bettering the trade relations between the United States and foreign countries finished the work for which the meeting was called, arranged for a committee to prosecute the plans of the convention and formed a permanent organization, styled as the American Reciprocal Tariff league. The committee, which will consist of fifteen members, to be appointed by the chair, was given full power to organize and promote the work for which the convention assembled. The resolutions adopted recommended a maximum and minimum tariff as a means of relieving the situation, with which this country is confronted, and urged that such reciprocal regulations be arranged by a permanent tariff commission, to be created by congress and appointed by the president. The principal speaker was Governor Cummins of Iowa, who, in a speech full of fire and eloquence, hurled defiance at the enemies of reciprocity. Governor Cummins brought the audience under his spell, and except when interrupted with furious applause, he held full sway for three-quarters of an hour. He said, in part:

### Russia's Attitude Unchanged.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 21.—Russia's official attitude regarding the final reply to be made to Japan tomorrow is unchanged. The impression prevails, as heretofore, that only a very great concession on the part of Japan on the question of indemnity and the cession of Sakhalin will make peace possible. The questions pertaining to the limitation of Russia's naval power and the surrender of her interned warships are considered here to be quite susceptible of satisfactory arrangement and not liable to cause serious trouble.

### Rioting in Milan.

Milan, Aug. 21.—Socialists and anarchists to the number of several thousand paraded the street, creating disorder and rioting. The police were powerless and the troops were called out. The cavalry dispersed the mobs, many persons being wounded and many arrests being made.

### Truth Stranger Than Fiction.

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 21.—After having been kidnaped and lost from her parents for eighteen years—ever since she was a little tot of 2—Mrs. Herman Wippert of St. Louis has arrived at Gross, Neb., and today found her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Scheinost of that place.

### Section Hand's Quick Rise.

Lincoln, Aug. 17.—Hugh Wilson, formerly of this city, has been appointed division superintendent of the Missouri Pacific railroad, with headquarters at Carthage, Mo. Six years ago he was a section hand on the Burlington in Nebraska. He is a graduate of the engineering department of Nebraska university.

### Nebraska Day at Portland.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 22.—Hundreds of Nebraskans, including Governor Mickey, were present to celebrate

Nebraska day at the Lewis and Clark exposition. A feature of the exercises was the singing by the Nebraska Society quartette of the national hymn, in which the audience took part standing. At the conclusion of the set program, a reception was held in the Nebraska pavilion.

### Fireman Finds Leak in Gas Pipe.

Syracuse, Neb., Aug. 23.—J. E. Reed, fireman at the water light plant at this place, was stoupsly burned and the lighting stain almost completely wrecked by an explosion of gas here shortly after noon. Mr. Reed had discovered a leakage of gas in one of the pipes and went into the pit to repair the leakage. According to his story he lit a match and the explosion followed, blowing his body and blowing out the gas near end of the brick building and tearing the roof almost entirely in the structure.

### Nebraska Crop Conditions.

Lincoln, Aug. 23.—Haying and threshing progressed rapidly except in eastern counties, where the heavy rain Thursday night retarded work of this character. Some spring wheat has been threshed and the yield rather better than expected. Potatoes are not yielding as well as expected. Corn has grown well and has been much benefited by the rain in the eastern counties. In some northeastern counties a high wind accompanied the rain and damaged corn to some extent by breaking and blowing it down. As a whole corn is now in excellent condition, with every promise of a large crop. Fall plowing has progressed nicely, with the soil in excellent condition.

### SIXTEEN DEAD, SEVEN MISSING

### Two More Bodies Recovered From Virginia Excursion Wreck.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 21.—The bodies of two more victims of the Kinston and Greenville negro excursion railway wreck of Thursday were found in the Elizabeth river near the scene of the accident. One of these was Thomas Ferguson, the drawbridge keeper, who was knocked off the bridge and drowned when the train plunged through the open draw. This makes fourteen bodies in all that have been recovered from the river, with two dead in St. Vincent's hospital here, making sixteen known dead up to this time. It is believed that seven more bodies are in the river.

### Fatal Street Car Accident.

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 21.—George Burton was killed and ten persons injured in a street car accident at Dewitt. A car and trailer left this city heavily loaded with St. Johns people, who were returning home from a ball game. Near Dewitt the trailer was derailed by an obstruction on the track and thrown into a ditch. Many of the passengers were caught under the heavy car and crushed.

### Car Goes Over Embankment.

Milwaukee, Aug. 21.—A Fox Point interurban car, with forty passengers, returning to the city after a day in the country, went over an embankment four miles north of here and one unknown man was killed, while twenty or thirty persons were taken to a local hospital. The car turned completely over after leaving the track at a forty-mile rate of speed.

### Government to Breed Horses.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The department of agriculture has decided to establish other breeding stations besides that at Fort Collins, Colo., and will send mares of a selected type to Indian City farm, Pontiac, Ill., to be bred to Axford, the greatest son of Axtell and regarded as one of the best types in the country to beget harness horses.

### Four Cases of Fever in Mexico.

Mexico City, Aug. 21.—The superior board of health officials report only four cases of yellow fever in the republic, all being at Vera Cruz, and completely isolated. There is not believed to be the slightest danger of the disease spreading. The Mexican health officials believe wholly in the mosquito theory.

### Combine Against Beef Trust.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Chicago hotel men, wholesale butchers and restaurant keepers have formed a combination against the beef trust. Two plants, one costing \$150,000 and the other \$300,000, are in course of erection and a third to cost \$500,000 is contemplated.

### Two Deaths From Heat in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Two deaths and a number of prostrations were reported as the result of the heat. The temperature did not exceed 89 degrees, but the humidity made the day exceedingly oppressive.

### General Miner Testifies.

Wooster, O., Aug. 23.—General Charles W. Miner's testimony was heard in the Taggart trial. General Miner denied explicitly, upon questioning from Judge Smyser, attorney for Mrs. Taggart, any indiscretions whatever with Mrs. Taggart, as charged in the amended petition of Major Taggart, and any conspiracy with others to falsely imprison the major at Fort Leavenworth.

## CZAR'S REPLY IS "NO"

### RUMOR THAT RUSSIA DECLINES TO YIELD FURTHER.

### Statement That it is Refusal to Pay Japan an Indemnity or Give Up Sakhalin—Position of Russian Government is Reiterated.

Portland, Aug. 23.—A long cable message from St. Petersburg, which is believed to be the Russian reply, arrived and M. Witte's secretaries, Nabukoff and Plaucon, immediately began deciphering it. Considerable excitement was apparent in the annex, where the Russian headquarters are located. Sheet by sheet the translation was taken to M. Witte's room. The rumor is that it is a refusal—a non possumus—a reiteration of the Russian position that she has given ample proof of her desires for peace in the articles already accepted, and more she could not accept with dignity and honor.

No confirmation of the rumor that Russia's reply is a negative can be obtained, and it must be accepted with all reserve.

It is stated that Baron Komura has agreed to offer at the session today the president's compromise proposition. A high authority believes it possible that a final rupture can come today, no matter what the character of the emperor's final instructions to Witte may be.

"If the negotiations can be protracted into next week," he said, "such pressure will be brought to bear on the emperor that he will not be able to resist."

### President Roosevelt's Plan.

The Associated Press is now in a position to reveal substantially the suggestion of President Roosevelt for breaking the existing deadlock in the peace negotiations and rescuing the conference from failure. His solution would permit the satisfaction of the Japanese demands for reimbursement for the cost of the war and the same time enable Russia to face the world with the declaration that she had not ceded a foot of territory and a kopeck of war tribute to the "Yankees." Tarsely stated, it consists in an agreement by Russia to renounce possession of either all or half of the island of Sakhalin, now in the Japanese occupation of Japan, for a sum of money, which, if the two countries cannot agree, shall be decided by some method of arbitration to be determined. The purchase price, together with the sum Japan is to obtain from the cession of the Japanese Eastern railroad and the balance of the Russian prisoners in Japan, would, it is estimated, amount to the amount claimed by Japan as her bill for the cost of the war. Possibly, therefore, the solution offered by the president involves recess by Japan upon article 5 (the cession of Sakhalin) and recession by Russia upon article 9 (indemnity). It is practically certain that the president was able to give M. Witte a partial assurance that Japan would be willing to accept such a compromise.

### Meeting adjourned.

It was the president's message to M. Witte which caused the sensation of the day. Early in the morning had come the official announcement that the meeting of the conference was postponed until 9:30 a. m. To the public the reason assigned was that the protocols for the meeting had not been completed. But few hours later the true reason was laid out. J. L. McGrew, one of the photographers attached to the executive offices at Oyster Bay, had arrived with a communication from the press, for the Russian plenipotentiaries, Witte and Baron de Rosen had been ostensibly for a ride in the hotel car to York Beach, but instead quietly slipped over to the fence building at the navy yard to receive the message from Assistant Secretary Peirce. All those present endeavored to make any statements regarding what transpired at the navy yard.

Mr. McGrew took the 3:25 train to Boston. He carried a dress suitcase which probably contained the reply to the president. This reply is believed, was prepared by M. Witte and Baron de Rosen after Mr. Peirce had delivered to them the president's message.

### Says Peace is in Sight.

London, Aug. 23.—The Morning Post, which throughout the war has strongly identified itself with the Japanese side, in a dispatch from its correspondent at Portsmouth, declares that the "peace of Portsmouth is within measurable distance." The correspondent asserts that both sides will make substantial concessions for the sake of peace. Russia, he says, will pay Japan a sum in the guise of expenses for the maintenance of prisoners, etc., and that Sakhalin will be divided, Russia retaining the northern and Japan the southern part, and Japan will abandon her claims as to the interned warships and the limitation of Russia's naval force in the Pacific.